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March 2026 Newsletter

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

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April Birthdays

- 1 Jerry Adams
- Chuck Buckingham
- 2 Dave Marsden
- 3 Ellen Pospichal
- 8 Kathie Adams
- 9 Jane Sickles
- 10 James McAuliffe
- 13 John Dolphin
- 15 Jan Hildebrand
- 16 Beckie Oksendahl
- 18 Keith Huebner
- 23 Harvey Miller
- 26 John Van Heukelom
- 27 James Withrow
- 28 Brian Richardson

April Anniversaries

- 5 Bill & Jane Stepanek
- 6 Cliff McDonald & Cleo McConnell
- 8 Dave & Marcia Machacek
- 21 Jimmy and Judy Oberholser
- 24 Brian & Ellen Pospichal
- 24 Brian & Felicia Richardson

From the President's Desk

Welcome
to the **CRCC March 2026 Club Newsletter**

HAPPY SPRING

HAPPY EASTER

It is a good feeling to look outside and see the robins, cardinals and the grass starting to turn green. We are now on the countdown to unwrapping our Corvettes. As I think about it, I bet many of you will "arrive in style" to the April meeting.

Now that we have moved away from car shows and sponsoring competitions, we are moving to being a social club. We now have the opportunity to enjoy many summer activities. This includes participating car shows, parades, club monthly dinner cruises, Camp Courageous, Honor Flights, Homecomings and the Thomas Park Show and Shine. Jim might even plan some impromptu cruises for a DQ or ice cream at Mickey's.

After saying this, I would really like to see you all take the time to join in and enjoy the summer at some of the events. (See page 9 for calendar.)

I really want to **thank all of you** for whenever you volunteered your time and efforts over the years. Your hard work preparing and running these events helped CRCC present great car shows and competitions at Hawkeye Downs. We will still have opportunities for you to help throughout the year including Homecomings.

I will be bringing three prints to the April meeting that will be for sale. These were donated by Wayne Martin and the money will go to the Honor Flight fund. Thanks Wayne.

I just want to take a minute to acknowledge our great friend Geof we lost in early March. He really enjoyed being an active member of CRCC and loved his DQ. He was instrumental in setting up various computer programs for the club and always looked for an opportunity to help. He will be missed.

Let Jim know if you plan to attend April 14th dinner at Sally's on Broadway.

Al, aka Bernie

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2026

President, Al Willenborg called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM at Pat McGrath Chevyland. There were 35 members present plus 4 on the phone. President, Al Willenborg thanked Joe Wilson and Pat McGrath for supplying the club with food night. We all appreciate this so much and are so thankful for their sponsorship.

Al reminded members of Geof Knoerzer's passing which shocked and saddened us all. Al reminded us of all his dedication and support Geof gave our club with all the technology and additions he added to make things run more efficiently. We will always remember his words..... We drive, we eat, we have fun and we eat DQ!!!! RIP to our past President, Geof. You will be missed. Jim sent addresses for Chris Knoerzer, Jen Magnelli and families for members to send cards to the families. Chris Knoerzer also has provided the burial address for anyone wishing to visit. For questions talk to Al Willenborg or Jim McLaughlin.

Good and Wellness-

- No report

Birthdays and Anniversaries-

- President, Al Willenborg read the March birthdays and anniversaries.

Special car projects, family announcements, and general information-

- Paul Burnett is looking for names to contact for interior improvements for his older Corvette. Anyone with information connect Paul Burnett.

Approval of Secretaries Report-

- President, Al Willenborg asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Secretaries report for the March meeting. President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to approve the minutes. **A motion was made by John Watertor and seconded by Wayne Martin. The motion passed.**

Secretaries Report Sue Rudd-

- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent get well cards to...
 - Bob Bowen
 - Syl Schocbrock
 - Geof Knoerzer
 - Dave Machacek
- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent a sympathy card and memorial check to Darrell Hatchel for the passing of his son.
- Secretary, Sue Rudd sent cards and a memorial check to Jen and Jim Magnelli and Chris and Katie Knoerzer and families for the passing of Geof Knoerzer.

Treasurer's Report Felicia Richardson-

- President, Al Willenborg in Felicia's absence read the report she provided him.

Approval of Treasurer's report-

- President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. **A motion was made by Paul Hildebrand and seconded by Chris Thompson. The motion passed.**

Webmaster Report-

- No report

Vice President Report Bob Irelan-

- Vice President, Bob Irelan reported on the 50/50 amount.

Governor Report Gary Thompson-

- No report.

Social Director Jim McLaughlin-

- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reported the March cruise at Casa de Ojos locos restaurant on March 11th was a success and everyone like the food and service.
- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reported the April cruise will be to Sally's on Broadway on April 14th at 6:00. The address is 263 Broadway St. in Springville. The plan for now is to meet there. Watch for email and RSVP.
- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reminded of Vettes in the Park in Okoboji, Iowa on July 24th and 25th. Go into the email and reserve rooms ASAP, if interested.
- Social Director, Jim McLaughlin reminded members of the following other activities.....

Camp Courageous May 17th

Otter Creek Lion's Legion Show and Shine in Midway Park June 13th

Alburnett Show and Shine June 20th, meet in Lion's Midway Park in Toddville and caravan together

Annual BBQ July 11th in Lion's Midway Park in Toddville

New Bo Show and Shine will be August 15th

Annual Kernel's game and party area August 29th

Homecoming Director Tracy Rudd-

- Homecoming Director, Tracy Rudd reported all the schools have now paid for the 2025 Homecoming season.

Historian Report Malinda Finley-

- Historian, Malinda Finley said she has updated the slide show in the McGrath case waiting room.

E-mail Messenger Report Jim McLaughlin-

- No report

Face Book Director Mike Finley-

- No report

Trustee's Report- Chris Thompson and Mike Finley, John Schindler-

- Trustee, Chris Thompson reported number of members that were in attendance.

Old Business-

- President, Al Willenborg reported that Julie Davis will be attending the April meeting to talk about the Camp Courageous Car Show.
- President, Al Willenborg reported that we will discuss and vote if necessary on any money and fund financials in April when all the Snow Birds return so as to have a larger member base to discuss and vote.

New Business-

- President, Al Willenborg announced the dates for the 2026 Honor Flights.
April 21st
May 12th
September 15th
October 13th
- Wayne Martin brought magazines he is donating for anyone interested for the taking.
- Paul Hildebrand suggested that we investigate into getting some type of speaker system for meetings. Paul and Mark Daubert agreed to form a committee to research.

50/50 drawing

- The 50/50 winner was: Mark Daubert
Potted plant and 2 hats donated by Mark Daubert
Al Willenborg won the potted plant
Virginia Bruster won the 1st hat
Carmen Ireland won the 2nd hat
- Our next meeting is April 16th, 2026 at 6:30 at Pat McGrath Chevylnd.
President, Al Willenborg called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **The motion was made by Wayne Martin and seconded by Wendy Fletcher. The motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:04.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Sue Rudd.

Cedar Rapids Corvette Club
April 2026
History Report

Goodbye winter, hello horsepower. April is for open roads!

In April of **1966!!** Yes!!! I found a 1966 Newsletter. It's mimeographed. The Newsletter name is the "Cedar Rapids Corvette Club Crier". The meeting was called to order on April 21st. The banner committee reported on their progress. Nominations were made for the National Council Governor. Nominated were Terry Kocher, Harly Habor, Gary Tomsen. Harly won the election.

In April of 1976 Terry and Cindi Kocher has a wine tasting party. It was a huge success according to the farmer flings it section of the newsletter. Herm Happ had a photo rally on April 25th. They had a movie night with chili, popcorn and beer being served. 29 people attending.

In April of 1986 The tires on the trailer needed replacing. It was reported that Goodyear had 2 700/15 6 ply for \$56.00 each. A couple of members took on the task of finding a better price! A motion passed to buy new tires. A motion was also passed to have Bob Bowen buy a large stapler to be kept with the newsletter supplies. It was decided to do the band festival again this year because it makes the club \$150.00.

In April of 1996 There was the Arby's night on the 13th. Brunch at the Ox Yoke Inn on the 14th. There was a cruise to Rubes Steaks on the 27th. It was noted that Paul and Jan Hildebrand got a new 1996 limited edition Corvette. Plans were underway for more Arby's nights in May. Paul Hildebrand gave an update on the Westdale Concourse. The Vinton Blind Rally was being planned. Entering Camp Courageous car show was planned and a motion was made and carried that all money won would be donated directly back to the camp.

In April of 2006 Wayne Martin was Vice President but gave no report at the meeting because he was in Hawaii.


Social Director, Jim McLaughlin planned a “dust off the Corvette” cruise for April 30th. CRCC was presented with A Brain Injury Alliance Plaque for 2006 at their 20 yr. banquet.

In April of 2016 On April 14th the dinner cruise went to Tanner’s bar and grill. April 18th CRCC went to the 23rd Honor flight.

Here’s to a fantastic April 2026.

Your Historian,
Malinda Finley

Taco Casserole

 **Total Time** Prep: 15 Min. Bake: 20 Min.

Yield 6 Servings        Test Kitchen Approved

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 cup salsa
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 cups crushed tortilla chips
- 1 cup shredded Colby cheese
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 2 cups shredded lettuce

Directions

- 1** In a large saucepan, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Add the salsa, mayonnaise and chili powder.
- 2** In an ungreased 2-qt. baking dish, layer half of the meat mixture, chips and cheeses. Repeat layers. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until heated through. Just before serving, top with tomato and lettuce.

CRCC Sponsors and Supporters



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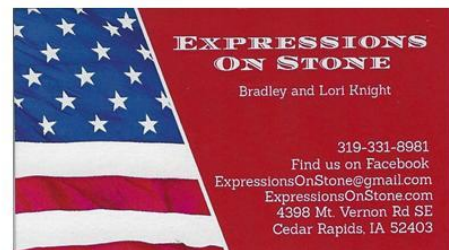
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CRCC Newsletter

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Sale Price \$12,750

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2025 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY 1LT

New

MSRP \$79,100

McGrath Savings **-\$4,000**

Adjusted Price \$75,100

Sale Price \$75,100



2025 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY 2LT

New

MSRP \$90,190

McGrath Savings **-\$4,000**

Adjusted Price \$86,190

Sale Price \$86,190



2024 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY 2LT

New

MSRP \$85,535

McGrath Savings **-\$9,500**

Adjusted Price \$76,035

Sale Price \$76,035

\$2,500 Camaro Loyalty Cash on this 2024 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray model **-\$2,500**

[Details](#)

Conditional Price **\$73,535**



2024 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY 2LT

New

MSRP \$86,205

McGrath Savings **-\$9,500**

Adjusted Price \$76,705

Sale Price \$76,705

\$2,500 Camaro Loyalty Cash on this 2024 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray model **-\$2,500**

[Details](#)

Conditional Price **\$74,205**



2025 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z06 2ZL

New

MSRP \$134,745

Sale Price \$139,745



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 14 CRCC Dinner at Sally's on Broadway in Springville at 6:00 PM
- April 16 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- April 21 Honor Flight #58
- April 24 National Arbor Day
- May 12 Honor Flight #59
- May 16 Houby Days Parade in Czech Village, line-up at 9:00 AM
- May 17 Cruisin' for Camp Courageous
- May 21 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- June 13 Otter Creek Lions Legion Show & Shine Show at Midway Park
- June 18 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- June 20 Alburnett Show & Shine Car Show
NOTE: 8:00 AM line up at Midway Park in Toddville
- June 27 Freedom Festival Parade
- June 28 Marion American Legion Show & Shine Car Show 9 am to 3 pm
- July 4 Freedom Fest Car Show Downtown 8:00 AM to Noon
- July 11 CRCC Annual BBQ by the 3 Amegos
- July 16 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- July 24 & 25 Vettes in the Park in Okoboji, Iowa
- August 15 Show & Shine Car Show at New Bo area 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- August 20 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- August 29 Annual Kernel's Baseball Game & Party Area. \$40.00 a person
- Sept. 15 Honor Flight # 60
- Sept. 17 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- October 13 Honor Flight #61
- October 15 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- November 19 CRCC Meeting at Pat McGrath Chevyland
- December 12 Annual CRCC Christmas Party